

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I would appreciate knowing why you propose to change the USF collection method. I am retired and every additional charge means I have to do without something else. I do not want to pay more for my telephone service, particularly if it means that big business pays less. I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

As I understand it, the flat fee proposal you are considering would shift the cost to people who make few long distance calls. We would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This seems awfully unfair. I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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